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## UM ALUMNUS AUTHORS BOOK ON NEW YORK STREET GANGS

MISSOULA--

Richard W. Poston, a 1940 graduate of the University of Montana, is author of a recently published book entitled "The Gang and The Establishment."

Poston, a research professor at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, who has been active in both domestic and international circles in the field of community organization and development, is the founder and former director of the Bureau of Community Development at the University of Washington, Seattle, and the Community Development Service at SIU.

"The Gang and The Establishment," published by Harper and Row, includes a study of two street gangs in New York City that formed a truce and began applying themselves to constructive neighborhood development in the New York ghettos.

This action brought about grants to many street gangs by government and private groups. In the book Poston analyzes the capacity of some of the gangs for productive action, and reveals what he says really happened to the large sums of money the gangs were given.

Poston, Farmington, Mo. enrolled at UM in the fall of 1935 and was graduated in 1940 with a degree in botany.

Poston has authored four other books: "Small Town Renaissance," "Democracy Is You," "Democracy Speaks Many Tongues" and "Experiment in North Carolina."

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